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FM AMEMBASSY SANAA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 5503

INFO AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

AMEMBASSY KUWAIT

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DEPT FOR A/SY/FO BEIRUT FOR RSS KUWAIT FOR RSO

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SUBJECT: SECURITY SUPPORT

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1. AS BEST CAN BE DETERMINED AT PRESENT, THIRD FLOOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECT WILL LAST 5 TO 8 MONTHS, DEPENDING ON SPEED AND FACILITY OF YEMENI CONTRACTOR.
2. IF TWO SEABEES ARE AVAILABLE, FEEL OPTIMUM BALANCE IN COVERAGE WOULD BE ACHIEVED WITH ONE GENERAL BUILDER AND ONE ELECTRICIAN.
3. AS BASIC ALLOTMENT REQUESTED REF C FOR MSG PROGRAM HAS NOT BEEN APPROVED, AE CAN TAKE NO ACTION ON PROPOSED MARINE HOUSE YET. ACCORDINGLY, QUARTERS ARE AT A PREMIUM. OUR TRANSIENT APARTMENT COULD HOLD 5 WITHOUT UNDUE STRESS BUT TOTAL OF 8 CONTEMPLATED REF A COULD RESULT IN VERY CRAMPED QUARTERS.
4. IF REGARDED FEASIBLE AS FAR AS ACCOMPLISHMENT OF DUTIES, IT WOULD THEREFORE SEEM MORE PRACTICABLE TO ASSIGN TWO SEABEES AND THREE MSG AT OUTSET UNLESS THIS ACTION WOULD RESULT IN UNUSUALLY HIGH AMOUNT OF MSG OVERTIME TO HANDLE MEAL BREAKS AND COVER OF 1800-0800 PERIODS WHEN NO CONSTRUCTION

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IN ANTICIPATED. HOWEVER, IF 6 MSG REGARDED AS MINIMUM, WE WILL

COPE WITH LOGISTICS AS BEST WE CAN.

5. CONSTRUCTION HAS NOT YET BEGUN ALTHOUGH CONTRACTORS
ARE BEGINNING TO STOCKPILE SUPPLIES OUTSIDE EMBASSY COMPOUND.
ANTICIPATE THEREFORE THAT ARRIVAL OF PERSONNEL IN APPROX.
7 DAYS SHOULD CAUSE NO LOSS OF NEEDED COVERAGE.

6. RESPONSE BY SY/FO SINCERELY APPRECIATED IN LIGHT
OF RELATIVELY SHORT LEAD TIMES INVOLVED. UNFORTUNATELY
DUE TO BASIC UNPREDICTABILITY OF LOCAL CONTRACTORS,
LACK OF CONSTRUCTION DATA OR FORECASTS PRECLUDED EARLIER
REQUESTS REF COVERAGE.
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